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THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Kindly amend the above identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, between the title and line 3, insert
--Background of the Invention--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 35 with the following subheading and rewritten paragraph

--Summary of the Invention

The above and other objects and advantages of the present invention are achieved by a device of the type which is designed and constructed such that an electronic evaluation device is associated to each sensor.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph and subheading

--There exist various possibilities of improving and further developing the teaching of the present invention in an advantageous manner. To this end, reference may be made to the following description of an embodiment of the device according to the invention with reference to the drawing. In conjunction with the description of the preferred embodiment of the device according to the invention with reference to the